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FISHING OFF U.S. NORTH AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTS

FOR 1978

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1. IN CALL ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DECEMBER 13, EMBOFF INFORMED ELM OF USA DESK OF FINAL ALLOCATION OF U.S. FISHERY RESOURCES FOR 1978 FOR GDR, HANDING HIM A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THE SUBJECT. DRAWING ON REFTELS, EMBOFF SAID ON THE BASIS OF A JUDGMENT BY U.S. SCIENTISTS THAT STOCK IS SEVERELY DEPLETED, THE FINAL TALLY FOR ATLANTIC MACKEREL WAS REDUCED SHARPLY. ATLANTIC HERRING HAD BEEN MADE A PROHIBITED SPECIES; AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY DIRECTED FISHERY GDR BY-CATCH ALLOCATIONS HAD BEEN ELIMINATED. GDR FISHING WAS THUS PRECLUDED IN U.S. ATLANTIC CONSERVATION ZONE IN 1978. EMBOFF SAID U.S.

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REGRETS INCONVENIENCE OCCASIONED BY CHANGE BETWEEN PRELIMINARY AND FINAL ALLOCATION, AND STRESSED THAT ALLOCATION, WHICH MADE ACCORDING TO U.S. LAW, DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE GDR, AND HAS NO CONNECTION WITH OTHER BILATERAL QUESTIONS.

2. ELM REPLIED THAT MINISTRY WOULD STUDY THE NOTE AND

RESERVED THE RIGHT TO RESPOND IF NECESSARY. HE SAID TOTAL ELIMINATION OF GDR FISHING IN ATLANTIC IN 1978 WAS A HARD BLOW TO GDR, WHICH FISHED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ITS OWN CONSUMPTION. HE SAID U.S. DECISION WAS SURPRISING IN LIGHT OF GDR'S RECORD OF CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION AND OTHER REGULATORY MATTERS, BOTH BILATERALLY WITH THE UNITED STATES SINCE CONCLUSION OF A FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND EARLIER IN THE ICNAF, WHERE IT HAD ACCEPTED SUCCESSIVELY REDUCED QUOTAS. ELM SAID HE WAS PRESENT AT THE NEGOTIATION OF THE US-GDR FISHERIES AGREEMENT AT WHICH TIME THE U.S. HAD EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF GDR SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING REGULATIONS. ELM REFERRED TO U.S. FISHERMEN'S SHARE, ASKING IN EFFECT IF U.S. FISHERMEN WERE IN FACT HARVESTING THE WHOLE OF THE QUOTAS RESERVED FOR THEM.

3. EMBOFF SAID HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON DEGREE OF EXPLOITATION OF U.S. QUOTAS, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THEY ARE SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF 1976. VERY HEAVY IMPACT ON GDR FLOWED FROM FACT THAT FISHERIES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GDR, ATLANTIC MACKEREL AND ATLANTIC HERRING, HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO PARTICULARLY SHARP REDUCTIONS.

4. ELM ASKED ABOUT PACIFIC ALLOCATIONS. EMBOFF REPLIED
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HE HAD NO INFORMATION, BUT IT WAS HIS OWN INEXPERT OPINION THAT TRADITIONAL PATTERNS APPEARED TO PLAY A ROLE IN SETTING COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS. ELM RESPONDED THAT GDR HAS HAD A PACIFIC FISHERY AS LONG AS POLAND WHICH, HE IMPLIED, WAS BEING TREATED MORE GENEROUSLY THAN THE GDR. ELM SAID HE HOPED A PACIFIC ALLOCATION FOR THE GDR WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

5. COMMENT: ELM WAS PROBABLY ALREADY AWARE OF THE FINAL GDR ALLOCATION. HIS RESPONSE WAS RESTRAINED BUT CONVEYED CLEARLY THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE GDR AT THE ABSENCE OF A 1978 ALLOCATION, CONTRASTING THE U.S. DECISION WITH WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE CONSISTENTLY COOPERATIVE APPROACH ON THE GDR'S PART TO CONSERVATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES. STRESS IN ELM'S REMARKS ON THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR THE GDR TO RETURN TO THE MATTER SUGGEST A FORMAL GDR REPLY MAY BE IN PREPARATION. END COMMENT. BOLEN

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